

In light of the impact that communications towers are having on migratory birds, I request that the FCC (1) begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues; (2) institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality; (3) undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts; (4) require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews; and (5) implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this issue.